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Letter dated 9 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to call your attention to the statements that are lately being made with increasing frequency by senior officials of the Iraqi Government, most recently in the address given by the Iraqi President on 8 August 2000. The substance and language of this address and of the other statements represent without any doubt a threat and a provocation not only to Kuwait but to all the countries of the region.

More than 10 years after the invasion and occupation of Kuwait, the substance of the Iraqi President's address and of the statements made by Iraqi officials confirms that the Iraqi Government has learned no lesson from the hazards that its policy towards Kuwait and its neighbours created or from the disasters that it thereby brought upon itself. This wilful attitude reflects no sense of remorse or regret for its flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of international norms and conventions.

These statements and the implicit threats they make to the security and stability of the State of Kuwait once again confirm that the Iraqi Government is still pursuing its policy and maintaining its bellicose attitude towards Kuwait. This is incompatible with the relevant Security Council resolutions and, in particular, with resolution 687 (1991), in which the Council, in the fourth preambular paragraph, "reaffirms the need to be assured of Iraq's peaceful intentions in the light of its unlawful invasion and occupation of Kuwait". The statements in question also justify Kuwait's apprehensions and its doubts concerning the sincerity of the Iraqi Government in regard to its compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions.

Accordingly, Kuwait calls upon the Security Council, by virtue of its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, to urge the Iraqi Government to desist from its maintenance of an aggressive attitude that poses a threat to security and stability in Kuwait, to demand that it should honour the relevant international covenants and conventions and to require it to comply with the relevant Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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